

Hi Roy,

I have many concerns about water use associated with pot growers in BC.

Foothill communities are saturated with growers, who often exceed +80% of the general population.

- stream and spring diversions and man-made reservoirs are common on private parcels
- Water transport to private parcel grow sites continue (Butte Water Service, out of Oroville, delivers daily to non-compliant growers in BC foothills)
- Wells in foothills are typically drilled into rock crevasses that have limited output and sustainability. Growers exacerbate the quality and availability of water needed for everyday survival
- Winter rains discharge contaminated grower chemicals into the ground and runoff feeding streams and rivers
- No responsible water-use accountability exists for pot growers OR the legit water haulers who blatantly deliver to grow sites
- from an environmental-water quality perspective, nothing is in place to deter unchecked water-use abuses
- Office of Emergency Management stepped in to provide water to families, in Butte County, while pot growers guzzle as much water as they like for non-compliant commercial grows.
- Then there's the cartel growers doing all of the above on private and public lands in the county too
- The big picture of cartel growers coupled with private parcel commercial growers not staying in compliance with Butte County's Medical Marijuana Ordinance 4075 is a PROBLEM
- This scenario is the same across all county lines in the north-state, affecting multiple water board regional divisions.

Thanking for the opportunity to comment,

Sincerely,

Nancy Roybal